

Wingham, March 12.

Dear Miss Weston,

I cannot forbear writing you a few lines by Miss Davenport, both to inform you of our welfare, and to speak the praises of your friend Mr. Phillips. We were delighted with him all of us, & all who heard him as far as I have been able to learn. For myself, I have never been so entirely absorbed by a speaker since I heard Everett at Faneuil hall, years ago. The manner and the matter were both perfectly suited to the audience. He had all the ease of one who is perfect master of his subject, & is confident of its truth, and all the grace of a graceful man. The topics that he touched upon, were all powerful, finely illustrated, and it appeared to me that they must convince everyone there, that they must be up and doing. His manner was so easy and every thing about his address so informal, that I thought we might rather give it the Indian term a Talk than to

call it an Address. I never felt so great a
desire to clasp as I did at the close of some
of his thrilling truths, and when at the close
he said that he had taken up all the time
that was proper but had not said half
what he intended to, I expected the whole
audience would rise up en masse, and
beg him to proceed, and let time speed his
flight unheeded. And do you think folks,
Weston, that the Baptist Church as
small as it is, was not more than half
full. This was the only thing that trou-
bled me the whole evening with the ex-
ception that I had not done more for the
cause that the whole town were not
there to hear. I felt that they might nev-
er have such a chance to be convinced
that the pro-slavery party were in the
wrong again, they certainly never could
hear any thing more convincing.
I hope and trust that Mr. Phillips will
come again and finish his Talk. I will in-
sure him a better house unless it should
be a very stormy evening. It happened
very unfortunately the last time, that
a large body of snow fell the night be-
fore and the walking was very bad; he

side the notice was not given until late and I presume people at a distance did not know of it. I do not know what you can send us next from the City.

I feel that your Stantons, your Coddings, and your Wrights, will not be half so good for us here, as those we have had, Mr Phillips and Quincy. I think ^{they} are for us, at least until some of the prejudice is removed from the people against Abolitionists. Did you hear Miss Grimké the third time in the St. house. I hear that she acquitted herself nobly. I have read today Mr. Atherton's Report on the annexation of Texas. I think he is an abolitionist. Mr. Smith supplied for Mr. Brooks yesterday and gave us two good sermons I think. I remained in Boston after I saw you, until the next Friday. I should have called again to see you, if I had not had other engagements constantly. I must tell you one more circumstance about our Lecture which is important. James Baker was present. How he overcame his conscientious scruples about public meetings, I have not learned. Neither have I

what effect the address had upon him
except that, that evening, he said it was
true Eloquence. Anna T. proposed that he
should change the expression and call it the
eloquence of truth. Please to give my regards
to your sisters and write to me when you have
nothing more important to do.
your friend, E. L. Smith

Wm. E. Brewster

Miss Caroline Weston

Boston

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